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In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(a)-(b) applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (**Exhibit A**), and are attached hereto:

1. U.S. Patent No. 2,493,271, issued January 3, 1950 to Milton J. Smith et.al. (**Exhibit 1**);
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,905,965, issued March 6, 1990 to Moshe Dolev (**Exhibit 2**);
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,050,841, issued September 24, 1991 to Rolf A. Jacobsson (**Exhibit 3**)
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,326,072, issued July 5, 1994 to Albrecht Wuthrich (**Exhibit 4**)
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,562,273, issued October 8, 1996 to Albrecht Wuethrich (**Exhibit 5**)

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6. U.S. Patent No. 5,681,027, issued October 28, 1997 to Albrecht Wuethrich (**Exhibit 6**)
7. U.S. Publication No. 2002/0062872 A1, published May 30, 2002 (**Exhibit 7**)
8. German Publication No. 1,265,515, published April 4, 1968 (**Exhibit 8**);

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i), applicant hereby attaches as **Exhibit 9**, an English translation of German Publication No. 1,265,515.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being concurrently submitted with the above-identified application.

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